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ABSTRACT

This report contains eight tables describing the use of the General Educational Development Tests (GED) in 1986 as well as comparative trends since 1949. The tables report statistics for the 50 states, U.S. territories, and the provinces of Canada. The tables report the following: (1) testing volumes by jurisdiction; (2) percent tested by age group; (3) testing by language (English, Spanish, French) and special edition (audiocassette, braille, large print); (4) highest grade completed; (5) additional data; (6) credentials issued, 1971-1986; (7) comparative testing data, 1949-1986; and (8) minimum score requirements. The report summary highlights some of the statistics. During 1986, 739,683 people (up 4 percent from 1985) took the GED tests, and 489,629 examinees earned scores that qualified them for an equivalency credential. The average age of the 1986 examinees was 26.5 years. More than 28 percent of the examinees were 19 years old or younger, 43 percent were between 20-29 years, 18 percent were 30-39, and 11 percent were over 40 years old. The examinees completed an average of 9.9 years of schooling, and more than half reported that they were planning to continue their education or training beyond the high school level. The six states testing the largest number of examinees were New York, Texas, California, Florida, Illinois, and Michigan. The report summary concludes that the GED testing program has enabled more than six million adults to obtain a high school equivalency credential since 1971, and that, annually, one of every seven high school diplomas in the United States is issued based on results from the GED Tests. (KC)

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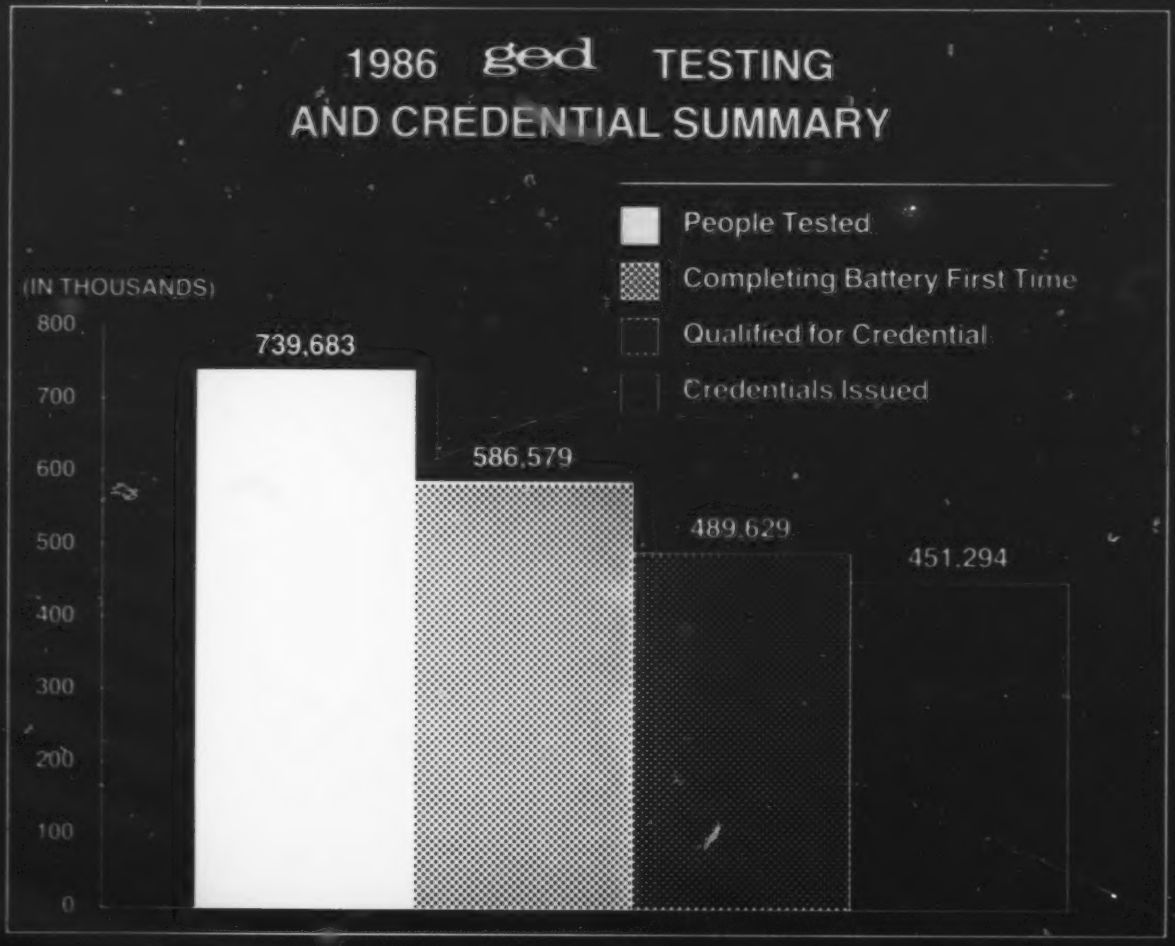

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Preface

The 1986 GED Statistical Report includes data collected from each participating department of education and the GED Testing Service for testing conducted during the calendar year 1986.

Additional information reported includes the number of credentials issued by each reporting jurisdiction for the period 1971 thru 1986, as well as comparative testing data for the period 1949 - 1986.

The format of this year's report has changed substantially. However, the goal of the staff is to insure that the content remains unchanged. In certain instances, an additional perspective to the data has been given, but all the report categories from previous years have been faithfully continued.

Acknowledgement

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Report Summary

During 1986 **739,683** people — up four percent from 1985 — took the GED Tests. As a result of testing conducted at over 3 200 testing locations, 489,629 examinees earned scores that qualified them for an equivalency credential.

Approximately 73% of the examinees who completed the test battery in 1986 earned scores sufficient to qualify for the equivalency credential awarded by their state, territory, or province. Departments and ministries of education in the United States and Canada awarded **451,294** credentials — approximately two percent more than in 1985 — based on GED Test results.

According to **TABLE 2**, the average age of the 1986 examinees was 26.5 years. Over 28% of the examinees, were 19 years or younger, 43% were between 20 and 29 years; 18% were between 30 and 39 years; and about 11% were over 40 years old.

TABLE 3 shows that during 1986, 705,918 people took an English language edition of the tests: 31,195 took a Spanish language edition; and 1,910 took a French language edition. Approximately 660 people took a special edition of the battery (ie. audio cassette, braille or large print). The special editions are available in all testing jurisdictions.

The examinees, reported in **TABLE 4**, completed an average of 9.9 years of schooling. In **TABLE 5**, over half of the examinees reported they were planning to continue their education or training beyond the high school level.

In the United States, the six states testing the largest number of examinees included:

New York	88,040	Florida	41,100
Texas	59,045	Illinois	29,971
California	48,148	Michigan	27,604

In Canada, the largest number of examinees were tested in British Columbia (3,898) with Alberta (2,941), Saskatchewan (2,538), New Brunswick (2,438) and Nova Scotia (2,391) next.

TABLE 6 shows the number of high school equivalency credentials issued by each jurisdiction since 1971. These credentials continue to be accepted by more than 90% of the colleges and universities and by most employers to satisfy requirements for a secondary education credential.

The statistics in this report demonstrate that the GED testing program continues to offer a substantial number of people the opportunity to qualify for a high school equivalency credential. Since 1971, the program has enabled over six million adults to obtain formal recognition of their educational development through their attainment of a high school equivalency credential. Annually, one of every seven high school diplomas in the United States is issued based on results from the GED Tests.

TABLE 1. Testing Volumes by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	— Number of People Who — Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Yrs	Completed Part of Battery	Met Score Requirements Number	%
Alabama	11,335	9,989	1,325	21	7,781	68.8
Alaska	2,204	1,741	76	387	1,631	89.8
Arizona	10,934	9,143	510	1,281	7,198	74.6
Arkansas	10,191	8,639	1,365	187	7,147	71.4
California	48,148	37,017	1,719	9,412	31,524	81.4
Colorado	10,083	8,082	646	1,355	7,229	82.8
Connecticut	6,882	5,853	727	302	4,690	71.3
Delaware	1,009	813	170	26	600	61.0
District of Columbia	1,616	1,269	347	0	759	47.0
Florida	41,100	40,051	252	797	29,472	73.1
Georgia	17,432	14,617	1,633	1,182	11,956	73.6
Hawaii	2,788	2,306	361	121	1,821	68.3
Idaho	3,404	2,085	81	1,238	2,037	94.0
Illinois	29,971	24,158	3,823	1,990	20,133	72.0
Indiana	11,319	10,433	648	238	9,296	83.9
Iowa	7,832	5,461	402	1,969	5,402	92.1
Kansas	8,442	6,429	597	1,416	5,973	85.0
Kentucky	18,595	16,264	1,506	825	12,556	70.7
Louisiana	11,945	11,271	613	61	10,200	85.8
Maine	3,261	3,132	76	53	2,934	91.5
Maryland	12,304	9,105	2,338	861	7,379	64.5
Massachusetts	14,078	10,547	1,080	2,451	9,444	81.2
Michigan	27,604	17,260	4,041	6,303	13,184	61.9
Minnesota	8,066	5,921	296	1,849	5,682	91.4
Mississippi	11,616	9,791	1,407	418	8,039	71.8
Missouri	10,921	9,032	1,159	730	8,354	82.0
Montana	2,462	1,988	189	285	1,737	79.8
Nebraska	4,919	3,544	145	1,230	3,525	95.6
Nevada	3,018	2,774	145	99	2,226	76.3
New Hampshire	2,257	1,951	141	165	1,808	86.4
New Jersey	17,170	15,165	1,162	843	10,684	65.4[1]
New Mexico	6,445	5,141	397	907	4,637	83.7
Totals						
USA + Territories	**712,920**	**562,837**	**85,501**	**64,582**	**468,868**	**72.3**
Canada	**16,929**	**14,904**	**1,722**	**303**	**12,776**	**76.8**
GED Testing Service	**9,834**	**8,838**	**628**	**368**	**7,985**	**84.4**
Program Total	**739,683**	**586,579**	**87,851**	**65,253**	**489,629**	**72.6**

[1]The passing rates for N.J. and N.Y. include duplicate headcounts: therefore they are not compatable with other jurisdictions.

TABLE 1. Testing Volumes by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Number of People Who — Completed Battery 1st Time	Retested from Prior Yrs	Completed Part of Battery	Met Score Requirements Number	%
New York	88,040	58,025	30,015	0	38,532	43.8[1]
North Carolina	17,762	13,174	1,506	3,082	12,358	84.2
North Dakota	1,622	1,208	97	317	1,188	91.0
Ohio	15,869	14,354	1,384	131	12,492	79.4
Oklahoma	8,777	8,251	375	151	6,733	78.1
Oregon	10,559	6,959	1,997	1,603	8,707	97.2
Pennsylvania	26,909	22,294	3,035	1,580	19,652	77.6
Rhode Island	3,726	2,525	379	822	2,185	75.2
South Carolina	8,794	8,470	225	99	6,793	78.1
South Dakota	2,031	1,448	88	495	1,461	95.1
Tennessee	16,027	13,656	2,195	176	10,591	66.8
Texas	59,045	46,526	4,806	7,713	41,660	81.2
Utah	4,316	3,759	302	255	3,182	78.4
Vermont	1,618	1,218	102	298	1,167	88.4
Virginia	15,122	11,580	3,542	0	9,238	61.1
Washington	13,883	10,786	546	2,551	10,129	89.4
West Virginia	6,531	5,621	528	382	5,176	84.2
Wisconsin	14,157	8,319	1,633	4,205	7,806	78.4
Wyoming	1,894	1,436	55	403	1,417	95.0
VA Hospitals	1,142	884	78	180	786	81.7
American Samoa	32	27	3	2	16	53.3
Guam	180	128	43	9	111	64.9
Micronesia	185	128	21	36	71	47.7
Panama Canal Area	6	6	0	0	4	66.7
Puerto Rico	15,143	10,960	3,093	1,090	10,268	73.1
Virgin Islands	199	123	76	0	107	53.8
USA + Territories	**712,920**	**562,837**	**85,501**	**64,582**	**468,868**	**72.3**
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Alberta	2,941	2,557	384	0	2,112	71.8
British Columbia	3,898	3,388	358	152	2,930	78.2
Manitoba	1,663	1,524	103	36	1,276	78.4
New Brunswick	2,438	2,171	245	22	1,693	70.1
Newfoundland	606	551	49	6	450	75.0
Northwest Territories	110	110	0	0	102	92.7
Nova Scotia	2,391	2,079	281	31	1,573	66.7
Prince Edward Island	193	189	4	0	179	92.7
Saskatchewan	2,538	2,186	296	56	2,324	93.6
Yukon Territory	53	53	0	0	44	83.0
Canadian Military	98	96	2	0	93	94.9
Canada	**16,929**	**14,904**	**1,722**	**303**	**12,776**	**76.8**
Am. Civ. Overseas	1,391	1,314	40	37	1,110	82.0
Corr. & Health Instit	4,821	4,368	401	52	3,911	82.0
US Military Overseas	3,145	2,740	132	273	2,624	91.4
For. Natn'ls Overseas	477	416	55	6	340	72.2
GED Testing Service	**9,834**	**8,838**	**628**	**368**	**7,985**	**84.4**
Totals						
USA + Territories	**712,920**	**562,837**	**85,501**	**64,582**	**468,868**	**72.3**
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TABLE 2. Percent Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%) -17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Average Age
Alabama	5.9	32.3	23.5	12.3	9.2	6.4	6.5	2.9	0.9	25.6
Alaska	17.5	27.4	24.2	12.1	7.3	4.5	4.8	1.8	0.4	23.8
Arizona	18.4	24.1	23.9	12.7	8.2	4.3	5.4	2.3	0.5	24.3
Arkansas	9.6	16.9	22.2	16.5	12.0	8.4	9.3	4.0	1.1	27.9
California	7.2	30.8	28.6	14.8	8.2	4.6	4.2	1.4	0.3	24.1
Colorado	16.4	25.3	24.1	14.2	8.2	4.5	5.2	1.7	0.3	24.2
Connecticut	2.9	25.3	29.4	16.1	9.5	6.4	7.4	2.2	0.8	26.2
Delaware	6.7	25.6	23.8	16.0	9.2	7.5	7.6	2.9	0.7	26.4
District of Columbia	3.8	18.9	31.7	19.5	13.0	7.2	4.8	0.9	0.2	25.8
Florida	5.9	28.0	27.2	13.3	8.8	6.1	2.0	0.9	7.7	26.7
Georgia	6.4	26.4	25.0	14.4	10.6	7.3	7.1	2.3	0.6	26.0
Hawaii	21.6	22.1	24.7	14.0	7.6	4.1	3.8	1.5	0.6	23.6
Idaho	15.9	25.3	22.5	12.9	8.2	5.6	6.1	3.2	0.4	25.0
Illinois	2.0	17.3	26.1	18.7	13.2	9.1	9.1	3.7	0.9	28.4
Indiana	3.0	16.7	24.7	18.1	13.6	8.6	10.5	4.1	0.7	28.7
Iowa	14.5	21.0	23.6	14.3	9.2	6.0	7.4	3.2	0.9	26.0
Kansas	10.7	21.6	26.9	16.5	9.3	6.1	5.9	2.4	0.8	25.6
Kentucky	3.8	18.0	23.9	15.8	12.7	9.5	10.9	4.3	1.0	28.8
Louisiana	23.5	26.7	20.4	11.0	7.4	4.6	4.4	1.6	0.3	23.3
Maine	6.0	21.0	21.4	13.9	10.8	8.3	11.9	5.3	1.4	28.8
Maryland	9.8	24.3	27.1	12.6	8.8	6.1	7.1	3.6	0.6	26.1
Massachusetts	12.7	21.4	25.3	14.5	10.5	6.3	6.4	2.3	0.6	25.6
Michigan	3.5	28.2	26.3	15.0	9.8	6.6	7.1	2.7	0.8	26.2
Minnesota	5.2	22.7	28.8	16.6	9.4	5.8	7.3	3.2	1.0	26.5
Mississippi	13.0	26.9	23.4	13.6	10.2	5.1	5.2	2.2	0.4	24.7
Missouri	9.4	22.4	24.1	14.7	10.8	6.7	7.7	3.4	0.7	26.6
Montana	7.3	28.3	27.9	13.9	8.0	5.4	6.1	2.3	0.9	25.2
Nebraska	8.1	21.1	26.2	16.5	11.4	6.5	6.4	3.0	0.8	26.4
Nevada	20.9	24.6	23.5	11.9	6.8	5.1	4.7	2.0	0.4	23.9
New Hampshire	8.7	24.8	25.7	14.5	10.3	6.1	6.8	2.2	0.9	25.8
New Jersey	6.2	24.3	28.0	15.0	9.7	6.2	7.0	2.8	0.9	26.1
New Mexico	14.1	24.9	23.5	13.9	8.5	5.5	6.1	2.5	1.0	25.2
Totals										
USA + Territories	**9.2**	**23.8**	**28.2**	**14.8**	**9.5**	**6.2**	**6.6**	**2.8**	**0.8**	**25.9**
Canada	**0.0**	**6.1**	**27.4**	**22.5**	**14.9**	**14.4**	**12.5**	**2.0**	**0.1**	**30.0**
GED Testing Service	**3.1**	**18.2**	**35.3**	**19.9**	**10.9**	**6.1**	**4.9**	**1.2**	**0.3**	**25.6**
Program Total	**7.5**	**20.8**	**26.9**	**16.2**	**10.4**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**2.6**	**0.7**	**26.5**

TABLE 2. Percent Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%) -17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Average Age
New York	9.1	23.5	25.9	14.8	9.7	6.6	7.3	2.5	0.5	25.9
North Carolina	5.2	20.7	25.2	15.4	11.1	7.9	9.6	3.9	1.1	27.8
North Dakota	3.6	20.2	28.0	19.3	9.6	5.5	8.2	4.8	0.8	27.4
Ohio	0.1	13.0	23.6	20.4	15.4	10.7	11.7	4.3	0.8	30.0
Oklahoma	6.6	27.6	23.1	16.1	10.0	4.9	7.8	3.4	0.5	26.1
Oregon	17.1	27.3	23.1	12.9	7.6	4.3	5.2	2.2	0.4	24.2
Pennsylvania	18.3	18.5	21.3	13.9	9.7	6.8	7.5	3.0	0.9	26.0
Rhode Island	2.4	23.4	29.3	18.5	10.6	6.1	6.1	2.6	0.9	26.3
South Carolina	11.6	26.8	23.7	12.0	9.3	6.5	7.3	2.3	0.4	25.4
South Dakota	9.2	22.7	29.5	15.0	8.0	4.9	6.6	2.8	1.2	25.8
Tennessee	0.2	26.8	23.1	14.6	12.0	8.5	10.3	4.1	0.5	28.0
Texas	13.4	23.0	22.8	15.0	9.7	6.3	5.4	4.1	0.4	25.7
Utah	12.2	37.3	27.5	10.9	5.8	2.7	2.9	0.6	0.1	22.2
Vermont	17.9	30.8	23.2	8.6	6.8	4.3	4.9	2.7	0.8	23.9
Virginia	6.7	21.5	23.6	15.0	12.0	8.6	5.1	3.7	3.8	27.8
Washington	16.8	23.5	24.4	14.0	8.5	4.9	5.4	1.8	0.5	24.5
West Virginia	7.2	22.6	21.0	14.5	11.8	9.5	9.0	3.6	0.8	27.5
Wisconsin	14.0	21.8	25.3	16.2	8.6	5.6	6.0	2.2	0.3	25.1
Wyoming	4.0	20.6	25.6	19.1	12.3	7.6	7.7	2.7	0.4	27.1
VA Hospitals	0.0	0.3	6.7	15.9	20.5	24.1	20.5	8.3	3.7	37.2
American Samoa	15.6	28.1	28.1	9.4	3.1	0.0	3.1	12.5	0.0	25.5
Guam	10.6	30.0	36.7	11.1	6.7	2.2	2.8	0.0	0.0	22.1
Micronesia	3.8	16.3	32.5	35.6	4.4	2.5	3.8	1.3	0.0	24.7
Panama Canal Area	0.0	0.0	83.3	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.8
Puerto Rico	0.0	58.7	30.5	5.0	3.8	1.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	20.5
Virgin Islands	10.1	28.1	27.6	7.0	12.1	9.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	24.4
USA + Territories	**9.2**	**23.8**	**26.2**	**14.8**	**9.5**	**6.2**	**6.6**	**2.8**	**0.8**	**25.9**
Totals										
Canada	**0.0**	**6.1**	**27.4**	**22.5**	**14.9**	**14.4**	**12.5**	**2.0**	**0.1**	**30.0**
GED Testing Service	**3.1**	**18.2**	**35.3**	**19.9**	**10.9**	**6.1**	**4.9**	**1.2**	**0.3**	**25.6**
Program Total	**7.5**	**20.8**	**26.9**	**16.2**	**10.4**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**2.6**	**0.7**	**26.5**

TABLE 2. Percent Tested by Age Group

Jurisdiction	Age Groups (%) -17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Average Age
Alberta	0.0	9.1	30.5	22.9	15.6	11.0	9.3	1.5	0.1	28.6
British Columbia	0.0	9.0	31.9	21.4	16.2	10.5	9.2	1.6	0.2	28.5
Manitoba	0.0	2.9	32.3	21.6	15.6	11.4	13.5	2.5	0.2	30.0
New Brunswick	0.0	3.7	22.2	21.1	17.9	17.1	15.3	2.4	0.3	31.6
Newfoundland	0.0	14.4	27.4	21.8	14.3	12.8	7.9	1.3	0.0	28.0
Northwest Territories	0.0	5.5	32.7	26.4	11.8	15.5	6.4	1.8	0.0	28.6
Nova Scotia	0.0	8.6	31.3	20.5	15.3	12.4	10.1	1.3	0.4	28.8
Prince Edward Island	0.0	5.7	22.3	20.7	15.5	16.1	19.7	0.0	0.0	31.0
Saskatchewan	0.1	0.7	29.4	26.9	17.0	11.5	11.1	3.0	0.3	30.3
Yukon Territory	0.0	7.5	37.7	26.4	11.3	9.4	7.5	0.0	0.0	27.3
Canadian Military	0.0	0.0	3.2	18.1	13.8	30.9	27.7	6.4	0.0	37.5
Canada	**0.0**	**6.1**	**27.4**	**22.5**	**14.9**	**14.4**	**12.5**	**2.0**	**0.1**	**30.0**
Am. Civ. Overseas	5.5	22.9	32.6	18.3	10.9	5.6	2.9	1.0	0.2	24.7
Corr. & Health Instit.	0.1	2.9	19.8	23.9	21.4	14.1	13.1	3.9	0.9	31.9
US Military Overseas	0.3	24.9	50.6	18.7	3.8	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	22.4
For. Natn'ls Overseas	6.5	22.2	38.4	18.9	7.5	3.4	3.1	0.0	0.0	23.6
GED Testing Service	**3.1**	**18.2**	**35.3**	**19.9**	**10.9**	**6.1**	**4.9**	**1.2**	**0.3**	**25.6**
Totals										
USA + Territories	**9.2**	**23.8**	**26.2**	**14.8**	**9.5**	**6.2**	**6.6**	**2.8**	**0.8**	**25.9**
Program Total	**7.5**	**20.8**	**26.9**	**16.2**	**10.4**	**7.5**	**7.4**	**2.6**	**0.7**	**26.5**

TABLE 3. Testing by Language & Special Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
Alabama	11,335	11,323	0	0	4	0	8
Alaska	2,204	2,191	12	0	1	0	0
Arizona	10,934	10,761	173	0	0	0	0
Arkansas	10,191	10,173	2	1	3	0	12
California	48,148	45,923	2,192	6	7	12	8
Colorado	10,083	10,083	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	6,882	6,533	341	0	4	0	4
Delaware	1,009	1,006	2	0	1	0	0
District of Columbia	1,616	1,533	82	0	0	0	1
Florida	41,100	38,395	2,671	11	15	0	8
Georgia	17,432	17,351	74	3	3	0	1
Hawaii	2,788	2,787	0	0	1	0	0
Idaho	3,404	3,399	3	0	2	0	0
Illinois	29,971	29,162	793	0	4	0	12
Indiana	11,319	11,301	5	0	8	0	5
Iowa	7,832	7,818	10	0	2	0	2
Kansas	8,442	8,411	21	0	8	0	2
Kentucky	18,595	18,583	12	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	11,945	11,922	19	0	1	1	2
Maine	3,261	3,248	6	2	1	0	4
Maryland	12,304	12,239	26	20	7	0	12
Massachusetts	14,078	13,115	676	283	1	0	3
Michigan	27,604	27,526	53	0	6	0	19
Minnesota	8,066	8,048	10	0	4	0	4
Mississippi	11,616	11,606	2	0	5	0	3
Missouri	10,921	10,903	7	0	3	0	8
Montana	2,462	2,460	0	0	2	0	0
Nebraska	4,919	4,919	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	3,018	3,006	10	0	0	0	2
New Hampshire	2,257	2,223	16	12	6	0	0
New Jersey	17,170	15,406	1,477	262	0	0	25
New Mexico	6,445	6,366	65	0	3	0	11
Totals							
USA + Territories	**712,920**	**680,655**	**30,236**	**1,375**	**310**	**16**	**328**
Canada	**16,929**	**16,438**	**0**	**485**	**3**	**0**	**3**
GED Testing Service	**9,834**	**8,825**	**959**	**50**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Program Total	**739,683**	**705,918**	**31,195**	**1,910**	**313**	**16**	**331**

TABLE 3. Testing by Language & Special Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
New York	88,040	79,570	7,619	760	57	0	34
North Carolina	17,762	17,739	3	0	6	0	14
North Dakota	1,622	1,618	0	0	2	0	2
Ohio	15,869	15,823	30	2	0	1	13
Oklahoma	8,777	8,773	4	0	0	0	0
Oregon	10,559	10,457	87	0	6	0	9
Pennsylvania	26,909	26,607	199	8	90	0	5
Rhode Island	3,726	3,622	101	1	0	0	2
South Carolina	8,794	8,788	0	0	1	0	5
South Dakota	2,031	2,013	0	0	0	0	18
Tennessee	16,027	15,999	2	2	7	0	17
Texas	59,045	57,975	1,040	0	18	1	11
Utah	4,316	4,306	9	0	0	0	1
Vermont	1,618	1,608	0	2	1	0	7
Virginia	15,122	15,028	75	0	5	1	13
Washington	13,883	13,851	28	0	4	0	0
West Virginia	6,531	6,529	0	0	2	0	0
Wisconsin	14,157	14,092	57	0	5	0	3
Wyoming	1,894	1,892	2	0	0	0	0
VA Hospitals	1,142	1,120	0	0	4	0	18
American Samoa	32	32	0	0	0	0	0
Guam	180	180	0	0	0	0	0
Micronesia	185	185	0	0	0	0	0
Panama Canal Area	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Puerto Rico	15,143	2,927	12,216	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	199	195	4	0	0	0	0
USA + Territories	**712,920**	**680,655**	**30,236**	**1,375**	**310**	**16**	**328**
Totals							
Canada	**16,929**	**16,438**	**0**	**485**	**3**	**0**	**3**
GED Testing Service	**9,834**	**8,825**	**959**	**50**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Program Total	**739,683**	**705,918**	**31,195**	**1,910**	**313**	**16**	**331**

TABLE 3. Testing by Language & Special Edition

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Language			Special Edition		
		English	Spanish	French	Audio Cassette	Braille	Large Print
Alberta	2,941	2,938	0	3	0	0	0
British Columbia	3,898	3,890	0	8	0	0	0
Manitoba	1,663	1,662	0	1	0	0	0
New Brunswick	2,438	1,971	0	465	1	0	1
Newfoundland	606	606	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territories	110	110	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	2,391	2,380	0	8	1	0	2
Prince Edward Island	193	193	0	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	2,538	2,537	0	0	1	0	0
Yukon Territory	53	53	0	0	0	0	0
Canadian Military	98	98	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	**16,929**	**16,438**	**0**	**485**	**3**	**0**	**3**
Am. Civ. Overseas	1,391	1,361	30	0	0	0	0
Corr. & Health Instit.	4,821	3,882	925	14	0	0	0
US Military Overseas	3,145	3,141	3	1	0	0	0
For. Natn'ls Overseas	477	441	1	35	0	0	0
GED Testing Service	**9,834**	**8,825**	**959**	**50**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Totals							
USA + Territories	**712,920**	**680,655**	**30,236**	**1,375**	**310**	**16**	**328**
Program Total	**739,683**	**705,918**	**31,195**	**1,910**	**313**	**16**	**331**

TABLE 4. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Highest Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Alabama	1.1	3.1	10.2	20.5	30.5	32.5	2.2	9.8
Alaska	1.4	1.3	7.1	16.3	29.4	39.8	4.8	10.1
Arizona	1.1	1.4	10.5	18.0	29.1	34.2	5.8	10.0
Arkansas	1.6	3.9	12.2	21.8	29.4	30.2	0.9	9.7
California	1.1	0.9	4.2	10.5	28.1	47.4	7.7	10.4
Colorado	0.7	1.1	5.4	17.5	32.9	36.6	5.8	10.1
Connecticut	1.0	1.2	8.2	20.3	30.6	34.1	4.8	10.0
Delaware	0.0	3.4	11.4	24.0	34.9	25.5	1.0	9.7
District of Columbia	1.2	3.6	7.0	19.8	32.2	33.7	2.5	9.9
Florida	7.7	1.8	8.2	18.9	29.1	33.9	0.5	9.6
Georgia	0.8	2.4	8.2	21.1	31.5	33.2	2.7	9.9
Hawaii	1.8	0.9	2.6	12.4	32.0	42.1	8.0	10.3
Idaho	0.9	1.5	8.4	19.5	34.1	30.8	4.7	10.0
Illinois	1.1	1.3	8.0	17.2	32.1	35.4	4.9	10.0
Indiana	0.5	1.6	9.2	23.5	34.5	29.0	1.7	9.8
Iowa	0.6	1.5	12.9	20.6	32.5	29.1	2.7	9.8
Kansas	1.0	2.6	8.8	18.9	29.9	34.6	4.2	9.9
Kentucky	1.1	3.3	15.9	23.6	29.6	24.8	1.8	9.6
Louisiana	1.0	2.8	10.1	20.9	34.0	29.4	1.8	9.8
Maine	1.3	3.5	15.9	22.2	28.8	24.7	3.6	9.6
Maryland	6.0	6.9	11.4	37.1	21.6	15.1	1.9	9.1
Massachusetts	1.5	3.0	12.1	23.6	31.0	25.2	3.6	9.7
Michigan	0.5	1.4	7.1	19.9	32.9	36.8	1.5	10.0
Minnesota	0.6	1.0	5.6	14.9	33.8	40.1	4.0	10.2
Mississippi	1.8	4.7	12.7	22.5	28.5	27.0	2.9	9.6
Missouri	0.5	1.7	9.7	20.6	33.8	30.6	3.0	9.9
Montana	0.7	1.0	9.4	19.8	31.8	33.4	3.9	10.0
Nebraska	0.8	1.7	8.7	21.4	31.6	32.4	3.3	9.9
Nevada	0.9	0.8	4.7	13.2	32.0	41.0	7.4	10.3
New Hampshire	0.7	2.2	10.4	21.4	33.4	29.8	2.1	9.8
New Jersey	1.6	1.1	4.2	13.6	35.4	30.1	13.9	10.3
New Mexico	1.7	2.3	6.7	17.1	30.8	35.4	6.0	10.0
Totals								
USA + Territories	**1.3**	**2.3**	**9.3**	**20.3**	**30.4**	**31.7**	**4.6**	**9.9**
Canada	**1.0**	**3.5**	**13.3**	**21.0**	**34.1**	**23.2**	**3.9**	**9.7**
GED Testing Service	**1.8**	**2.2**	**4.8**	**13.4**	**24.1**	**32.5**	**21.2**	**10.4**
Program Total	**1.3**	**2.4**	**9.7**	**20.1**	**30.6**	**30.5**	**5.4**	**9.9**

TABLE 4. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Highest Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
New York	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	N/A
North Carolina	1.1	2.3	11.2	24.0	32.2	27.2	2.1	9.7
North Dakota	0.4	1.7	13.5	20.1	28.3	31.4	4.6	9.9
Ohio	0.7	1.4	8.7	20.8	34.2	32.0	2.4	9.9
Oklahoma	1.0	2.5	7.9	19.9	30.8	33.9	4.0	9.9
Pennsylvania	1.3	1.6	7.8	20.8	33.2	31.9	3.4	9.9
Rhode Island	1.2	3.3	13.2	23.9	29.9	24.2	4.3	9.7
South Carolina	1.1	2.3	10.7	22.5	31.8	30.4	1.0	9.8
South Dakota	0.9	1.9	14.0	23.1	28.6	29.4	2.1	9.7
Tennessee	1.3	2.8	12.4	20.1	29.0	28.8	5.6	9.8
Texas	2.6	3.5	9.4	20.2	28.5	31.9	3.9	9.8
Utah	3.2	0.7	3.1	12.0	25.9	42.2	13.0	10.4
Vermont	0.9	3.1	15.4	26.2	29.8	23.0	1.6	9.6
Virginia	5.8	5.8	5.8	21.1	30.2	28.6	2.6	9.6
Washington	0.9	1.7	8.6	19.7	30.9	33.7	4.4	10.0
West Virginia	1.4	3.6	12.9	25.2	29.5	23.9	3.6	9.6
Wisconsin	0.8	1.0	6.5	16.0	32.8	38.5	4.6	10.1
Wyoming	0.6	1.6	10.0	20.6	29.8	33.7	3.7	9.9
VA Hospitals	2.2	5.3	14.2	22.3	27.1	27.5	1.3	9.5
American Samoa	0.0	0.0	3.1	12.5	21.9	31.3	31.3	10.8
Guam	0.0	0.0	2.2	20.0	34.4	40.0	3.3	10.2
Micronesia	0.0	1.7	4.5	27.0	37.6	28.1	1.1	9.9
Panama Canal Area	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	66.7	0.0	10.7
Puerto Rico	0.0	0.0	29.9	52.1	15.5	2.4	0.0	8.9
Virgin Islands	2.5	7.5	10.6	17.1	16.1	19.1	27.1	10.0
USA + Territories	**1.3**	**2.3**	**9.3**	**20.3**	**30.4**	**31.7**	**4.6**	**9.9**
Totals								
Canada	**1.0**	**3.5**	**13.3**	**21.0**	**34.1**	**23.2**	**3.9**	**9.7**
GED Testing Service	**1.8**	**2.2**	**4.8**	**13.4**	**24.1**	**32.5**	**21.2**	**10.4**
Program Total	**1.3**	**2.4**	**9.7**	**20.1**	**30.6**	**30.5**	**5.4**	**9.9**

TABLE 4. Highest Grade Completed

Jurisdiction	Percentage of People Completing Grade							Average Highest Grade
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Alberta	0.2	1.1	4.4	14.7	30.6	28.8	20.3	10.4
British Columbia	0.7	2.5	8.3	17.5	44.5	26.3	0.2	9.8
Manitoba	1.2	2.7	10.9	22.7	33.6	27.7	1.2	9.7
New Brunswick	1.2	4.0	12.0	22.2	32.2	21.7	6.9	9.7
Newfoundland	1.2	5.5	26.6	23.0	36.4	7.3	0.0	9.1
Northwest Territories	1.8	7.3	9.1	20.0	27.3	34.5	0.0	9.7
Nova Scotia	3.3	6.9	13.1	26.1	28.4	20.1	2.2	9.4
Prince Edward Island	0.0	0.0	18.8	14.7	38.7	26.7	1.0	9.8
Saskatchewan	1.5	3.3	21.5	22.4	30.3	19.3	1.7	9.4
Yukon Territory	0.0	3.8	7.5	18.9	35.8	26.4	7.5	10.0
Canadian Military	0.0	1.1	14.0	29.0	37.6	16.1	2.2	9.6
Canada	**1.0**	**3.5**	**13.3**	**21.0**	**34.1**	**23.2**	**3.9**	**9.7**
Am. Civ. Overseas	1.3	1.0	4.8	17.4	30.2	33.6	11.7	10.2
Corr. & Health Instit.	4.7	3.8	10.2	19.5	25.9	26.0	10.0	9.8
US Military Overseas	0.0	0.0	2.4	10.2	28.0	43.3	16.1	10.6
For. Natn'ls Overseas	1.1	3.9	1.6	6.4	12.4	27.3	47.2	11.0
GED Testing Service	**1.8**	**2.2**	**4.8**	**13.4**	**24.1**	**32.5**	**21.2**	**10.4**
Totals								
USA + Territories	**1.3**	**2.3**	**9.3**	**20.3**	**30.4**	**31.7**	**4.6**	**9.9**
Program Total	**1.3**	**2.4**	**9.7**	**20.1**	**30.6**	**30.5**	**5.4**	**9.9**

TABLE 5. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1986	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study Number	%
Alabama	11,335	53	358	5,943	52.4
Alaska	2,204	28	58	1,070	48.5
Arizona	10,934	47	46	7,652	70.0
Arkansas	10,191	68	32	6,608	64.8
California	48,148	250	1,361	18,760	39.0
Colorado	10,083	38	299	2,528	25.1
Connecticut	6,882	27	104	2,113	30.7
Delaware	1,009	8	0	435	43.1
District of Columbia	1,616	1	27	970	60.0
Florida	41,100	73	450	17,609	42.8
Georgia	17,432	82	563	5,343	30.7
Hawaii	2,788	14	308	1,608	57.7
Idaho	3,404	9	19	1,379	40.5
Illinois	29,971	86	547	20,819	69.5
Indiana	11,319	77	21	5,315	47.0
Iowa	7,832	16	2	3,695	47.2
Kansas	8,442	40	566	5,739	68.0
Kentucky	18,595	43	356	10,807	58.1
Louisiana	11,945	54	157	7,564	63.3
Maine	3,261	56	76	1,672	51.3
Maryland	12,304	21	128	6,312	51.3
Massachusetts	14,078	42	167	8,119	57.7
Michigan	27,604	164	82	11,427	41.4
Minnesota	8,066	54	7	4,954	61.4
Mississippi	11,616	87	104	4,215	36.3
Missouri	10,921	26	340	NA	—
Montana	2,462	21	26	1,297	52.7
Nebraska	4,919	41	5	2,740	55.7
Nevada	3,018	21	13	1,212	40.2
New Hampshire	2,257	27	49	1,230	54.5
New Jersey	17,170	34	615	9,237	53.8
New Mexico	6,445	25	47	3,512	54.5
Totals					
USA + Territories	**712,920**	**2,719**	**11,610**	**301,870**	**52.4**
Canada	**16,929**	**260**	**253**	**8,935**	**54.3**
GED Testing Service	**9,834**	**264**	**2,203**	**7,446**	**77.7**
Program Total	**739,683**	**3,243**	**14,066**	**318,251**	**54.2**

TABLE 5. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1986	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study Number	%
New York	88,040	74	NA	NA	—
North Carolina	17,762	84	1,246	10,176	57.3
North Dakota	1,622	12	3	652	40.2
Ohio	15,869	79	0	8,914	56.2
Oklahoma	8,777	51	125	4,029	45.9
Oregon	10,559	45	246	NA	—
Pennsylvania	26,909	87	118	4,746	17.6
Rhode Island	3,726	12	2	2,433	65.3
South Carolina	8,794	1	257	6,600	75.1
South Dakota	2,031	38	24	1,145	56.4
Tennessee	16,027	24	154	6,948	43.4
Texas	59,045	201	1,796	28,527	48.3
Utah	4,316	16	147	1,659	38.4
Vermont	1,618	21	18	421	26.0
Virginia	15,122	48	107	10,168	67.2
Washington	13,883	60	312	7,955	57.3
West Virginia	6,531	53	16	2,085	31.9
Wisconsin	14,157	66	39	6,732	47.6
Wyoming	1,894	36	29	745	39.3
VA Hospitals	1,142	66	36	525	46.0
American Samoa	32	1	0	21	65.6
Guam	180	1	0	132	73.3
Micronesia	185	6	0	117	63.2
Panama Canal Area	6	1	0	6	100.0
Puerto Rico	15,143	1	0	15,143	100.0
Virgin Islands	199	2	2	107	53.8
USA + Territories	**712,920**	**2,719**	**11,610**	**301,870**	**52.4**
Totals					
Canada	**16,929**	**260**	**253**	**8,935**	**54.3**
GED Testing Service	**9,834**	**264**	**2,203**	**7,446**	**77.7**
Program Total	**739,683**	**3,243**	**14,066**	**318,251**	**54.2**

TABLE 5. Additional Data

Jurisdiction	Number of People Tested	Official GED Centers Operating in 1986	Active Duty Military Personnel	Examinees Planning Further Study	
				Number	%
Alberta	2,941	43	38	1,398	47.5
British Columbia	3,898	94	87	2,117	54.3
Manitoba	1,663	49	36	1,061	63.8
New Brunswick	2,438	8	87	1,376	56.4
Newfoundland	606	16	1	409	67.5
Northwest Territories	110	24	0	52	47.3
Nova Scotia	2,391	1	0	1,714	71.7
Prince Edward Island	193	2	2	92	47.7
Saskatchewan	2,538	16	0	634	25.0
Yukon Territory	53	5	0	37	69.8
Canadian Military	98	1	2	45	45.9
Canada	**16,929**	**260**	**253**	**8,935**	**54.3**
Am. Civ. Overseas	1,391	—	16	1,058	76.1
Corr. & Health Instit.	4,821	69	2	3,742	77.6
US Military Overseas	3,145	195	2,185	2,235	71.1
For. Natn'ls Overseas	477	—	0	411	86.2
GED Testing Service	**9,834**	**264**	**2,203**	**7,446**	**77.7**
Totals					
USA + Territories	712,920	2,719	11,610	301,870	52.4
Program Total	739,683	3,243	14,066	318,251	54.2

TABLE 6. Credentials Issued, 1971 — 1986

Jurisdiction	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	Cum. 71-86
Alabama	8,469	8,087	7,637	7,154	7,781	160,733
Alaska	2,550	2,271	2,226	2,019	1,631	37,178
Arizona	7,552	7,076	6,614	8,079	7,852	99,719
Arkansas	6,355	6,096	5,670	6,646	7,147	79,281
California	12,988	11,662	11,326	13,373	12,000	115,854
Colorado	8,332	7,360	6,366	6,887	7,229	102,738
Connecticut	4,758	5,216	4,488	4,068	4,690	64,224
Delaware	914	739	901	812	865	13,188
District of Columbia	1,044	972	1,074	861	850	22,048
Florida	33,011	28,021	23,170	24,188	28,457	331,972
Georgia[1]	12,677	11,954	11,015	12,500	12,864	164,496
Hawaii	1,609	1,800	1,702	1,505	1,464	23,166
Idaho	1,284	1,136	1,144	1,045	895	14,492
Illinois	22,810	17,564	18,707	19,287	15,997	232,065
Indiana[1]	10,790	10,092	8,098	7,571	6,163	84,677
Iowa	5,693	5,346	5,123	5,106	4,925	72,086
Kansas[1]	8,411	7,413	6,599	5,711	5,973	106,422
Kentucky[1]	12,376	12,134	9,947	9,537	12,556	162,749
Louisiana	11,680	10,833	10,348	10,177	10,200	153,045
Maine	2,707	2,668	2,855	2,821	2,934	38,080
Maryland	8,148	7,693	7,404	6,758	7,379	112,340
Massachusetts	11,385	11,853	10,372	9,970	10,057	129,443
Michigan	10,816	18,514	13,732	11,137	12,681	183,497
Minnesota[1]	6,746	6,407	5,611	6,000	5,682	89,993
Mississippi	7,944	7,410	7,311	7,051	8,609	99,605
Missouri	9,960	8,987	8,291	8,003	8,354	125,841
Montana[1]	1,835	1,669	1,627	1,616	1,737	32,779
Nebraska[1]	2,858	3,063	2,800	2,792	2,811	35,110
Nevada[1]	2,671	2,510	1,910	2,059	2,228	26,880
New Hampshire	2,237	2,090	1,645	1,704	1,806	26,570
New Jersey	14,250	10,264	10,831	10,307	10,684	201,809
New Mexico	4,807	4,351	4,252	4,030	4,637	74,045
Totals						
US + Territories	**494,081**	**476,769**	**437,331**	**427,075[2]**	**438,861**	**6,104,240**
Canada	**15,074**	**13,560**	**13,000**	**12,847**	**12,433**	**167,045**
Program Total	**509,155**	**490,329**	**450,331**	**439,922[2]**	**451,294**	**6,271,285**

[1] This jurisdiction's report may be incomplete because high schools also issue credentials based on GED Test results.

[2] Revised 1985 totals.

TABLE 6. CREDENTIALS ISSUED, 1971 — 1986

Jurisdiction	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	Cum. 71-86
New York	47,270	48,922	44,917	41,236	38,532	603,234
North Carolina	15,119	15,347	13,361	13,566	12,358	203,400
North Dakota	1,053	1,486	1,261	1,249	1,186	16,473
Ohio	12,087	14,587	18,372	11,590	13,025	150,473
Oklahoma	7,027	6,853	6,167	6,251	6,733	87,862
Oregon	7,464	6,613	6,041	8,200	8,707	102,963
Pennsylvania[1]	21,985	20,748	18,934	17,668	20,073	261,154
Rhode Island	3,139	3,402	2,259	2,215	2,852	41,110
South Carolina	5,291	5,015	4,922	4,859	5,396	60,224
South Dakota	1,489	1,675	1,512	1,361	1,461	23,651
Tennessee[1]	11,765	10,164	8,776	9,374	10,514	132,923
Texas	49,117	45,339	41,535	39,479	43,696	605,684
Utah[1]	706	888	892	852	1,073	7,563
Vermont	2,000	1,660	1,400	1,429	1,167	18,012
Virginia	12,092	11,186	9,982	9,328	9,238	146,656
Washington	10,031	10,606	9,953	8,987	8,387	124,614
West Virginia	6,107	5,765	5,681	5,304	5,309	80,836
Wisconsin[1]	10,871	10,009	8,249	8,153	8,011	109,986
Wyoming	1,577	1,696	1,689	1,426	1,417	19,823
American Samoa[1]	12	16	14	14	27	495
Guam	168	161	107	142	111	2,284
Micronesia	34	22	36	9	71	533
Panama Canal Area	3	5	5	5	4	185
Puerto Rico	7,763	11,157	10,345	13,466	10,268	85,864
Virgin Islands	244	196	125	138	107	2,113
US + Territories	**494,081**	**476,769**	**437,331**	**427,075[2]**	**438,861**	**6,104,240**
Totals						
Canada	**15,074**	**13,560**	**13,000**	**12,847**	**12,433**	**167,045**
Program Total	**509,155**	**490,329**	**450,331**	**439,922[2]**	**451,294**	**6,271,285**

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[2] Revised 1985 totals.

TABLE 6. CREDENTIALS ISSUED, 1971 — 1986

Jurisdiction	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	Cum. 71-86
Alberta	1,871	2,101	2,260	2,323	2,112	11,044
British Columbia	4,276	3,401	3,158	2,984	2,930	45,564
Manitoba	1,652	1,019	1,153	1,231	1,276	26,974
New Brunswick	1,324	1,118	933	1,095	1,432	10,614
Newfoundland	1,040	1,145	599	467	450	9,875
Northwest Territories	95	105	76	118	110	1,104
Nova Scotia	2,017	2,019	2,100	2,088	1,573	24,315
Prince Edward Island	311	170	138	153	182	3,920
Saskatchewan	2,360	2,390	2,510	2,316	2,324	32,923
Yukon Territory	128	92	73	72	44	712
Canada	**15,074**	**13,560**	**13,000**	**12,847**	**12,433**	**167,045**
Totals						
US + Territories	**494,081**	**476,769**	**437,331**	**427,075**[1]	**438,861**	**6,104,240**
Program Total	**509,155**	**490,329**	**450,331**	**439,922**[1]	**451,294**	**6,271,285**

[1] Revised 1985 totals.

TABLE 7. Comparative Testing Data, 1949 — 1986

Year	Number of Official GED Test Centers	Number of People Tested	Percentage Meeting Score Requirements	Average Age	Average Years of Schooling	Percent Planning Further Study	Number[1] of Credentials Issued
1949-58	587[2]	414,849[3]	77.8[4]	27.0[5]	10.0[5]	38.0[5]	NA
1959	660	56,496	76.0	28.0	10.0	36.0	NA
1960	**658**	**61,093**	**77.0**	**29.0**	**10.0**	**31.0**	**NA**
1961	702	68,080	74.0	29.0	10.0	34.0	NA
1962	745	75,428	75.0	29.0	10.0	34.0	NA
1963	801	88,242	71.0	29.0	10.0	33.0	NA
1964	840	116,875	73.0	29.0	10.0	32.5	NA
1965	928	143,974	72.0	29.0	9.7	38.0	NA
1966	1,031	185,778	71.7	29.3	9.8	35.0	NA
1967	1,194	218,386	70.0	29.5	9.7	36.0	NA
1968	1,336	265,499	69.4	29.5	9.7	39.9	NA
1969	1,566	293,451	71.7	29.4	9.7	37.3	NA
1970	**1,711**	**331,534**	**70.8**	**29.1**	**9.7**	**40.1**	**NA**
1971	1,858	387,733	68.7	28.0	9.8	41.2	231,558
1972	1,997	430,346	67.4	27.4	9.8	44.3	248,790
1973	2,135	440,216	68.2	25.1	9.8	42.0	256,905
1974	2,421	561,203	68.9	27.2	10.7	40.0	300,674
1975	2,462	687,426	70.2	25.1	10.0	42.1	351,327
1976	2,549	696,623	67.8	25.4	10.0	39.4	346,490
1977	2,704	715,116	69.7	25.0	10.0	37.8	342,828
1978	2,708	674,724	NA	25.9	9.9	35.6	392,511
1979	2,799	773,996	68.4[6]	25.3	10.0	40.8	445,426
1980	**2,753**	**816,176**	**70.8**	**25.1**	**10.0**	**36.6**	**500,203**
1981	2,900	804,813	72.1	25.1	9.9	46.1	513,549
1982	3,046	792,132	73.9	25.1	9.9	48.4	509,155
1983	3,009	772,080	73.1	25.4	9.8	48.6	490,329
1984	3,395	707,076	73.0	25.8	9.8	49.1	450,331
1985	3,371	711,392	72.4	25.8	9.8	51.3	439,957
1986	**3,243**	**739,683**	**72.6**	**26.5**	**9.9**	**54.8**	**451,294**

[1] NA = Data not available.

[2] Average number of centers for ten-year period.

[3] Total for ten-year period.

[4] Average percentage for years 1954-1958 only.

[5] Data for 1958 only. Other years = NA.

[6] Revised percentage.

TABLE 8. Minimum Score Requirements for Issuing High School Equivalency Credentials

UNITED STATES

Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores[1]	Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores[1]
Alabama	35 and 45	Montana	35 and 45
Alaska	35 and 45	Nebraska	40 or 45
Arizona	35 and 45	Nevada	35 and 45
Arkansas	35 and 45	New Hampshire	35 and 45
California	40 and 45	New Jersey	[2] and 45
Colorado	35 and 45	New Mexico	40 or 50
Connecticut	35 and 45	New York	40 and 45
Delaware	40 and 45	North Carolina	35 and 45
District of Columbia	35 and 45	North Dakota	40 or 50
Florida	40 and 45	Ohio	35 and 45
Georgia	35 and 45	Oklahoma	40 and 45
Hawaii	35 and 45	Oregon	40 each test
Idaho	35 and 45	Pennsylvania	35 and 45
Illinois	35 and 45	Rhode Island	35 and 45
Indiana	35 and 45	South Carolina	45 Average
Iowa	35 and 45	South Dakota	40 and 45
Kansas	35 and 45	Tennessee	35 and 45
Kentucky	35 and 45	Texas	40 or 45
Louisiana	40 or 45	Utah	40 and 45
Maine	35 and 45	Vermont	35 and 45
Maryland	40 and 45	Virginia	35 and 45
Massachusetts	35 and 45	Washington	35 and 45
Michigan	35 and 45	West Virginia	40 and 45
Minnesota	35 and 45	Wisconsin	35 and 45
Mississippi	40 or 45	Wyoming	35 and 45
Missouri	35 and 45		

[1] Minimum scores of 35 and 45 mean that each test score must be at least 35 and an average of 45 on the battery is required. Minimum scores of 35 or 45 means either that each test score must be at least 35 or an average of 45 on the battery is required.

[2] N.J. = 40 on tests 1 - 3, 44 on test 4 and 43 on test 5.

TABLE 8. Minimum Score Requirements for Issuing High School Equivalency Credentials

U. S. TERRITORIES

Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores[1]
American Samoa	40 each test
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is.	40 or 45
Guam	35 and 45
Kwajalein Island	35 and 45
Panama Canal Area	40 and 45
Puerto Rico	35 and 45
Republic of the Marshall Islands	40 or 45
Republic of Palau	40 each test
Virgin Islands	35 and 45

CANADA

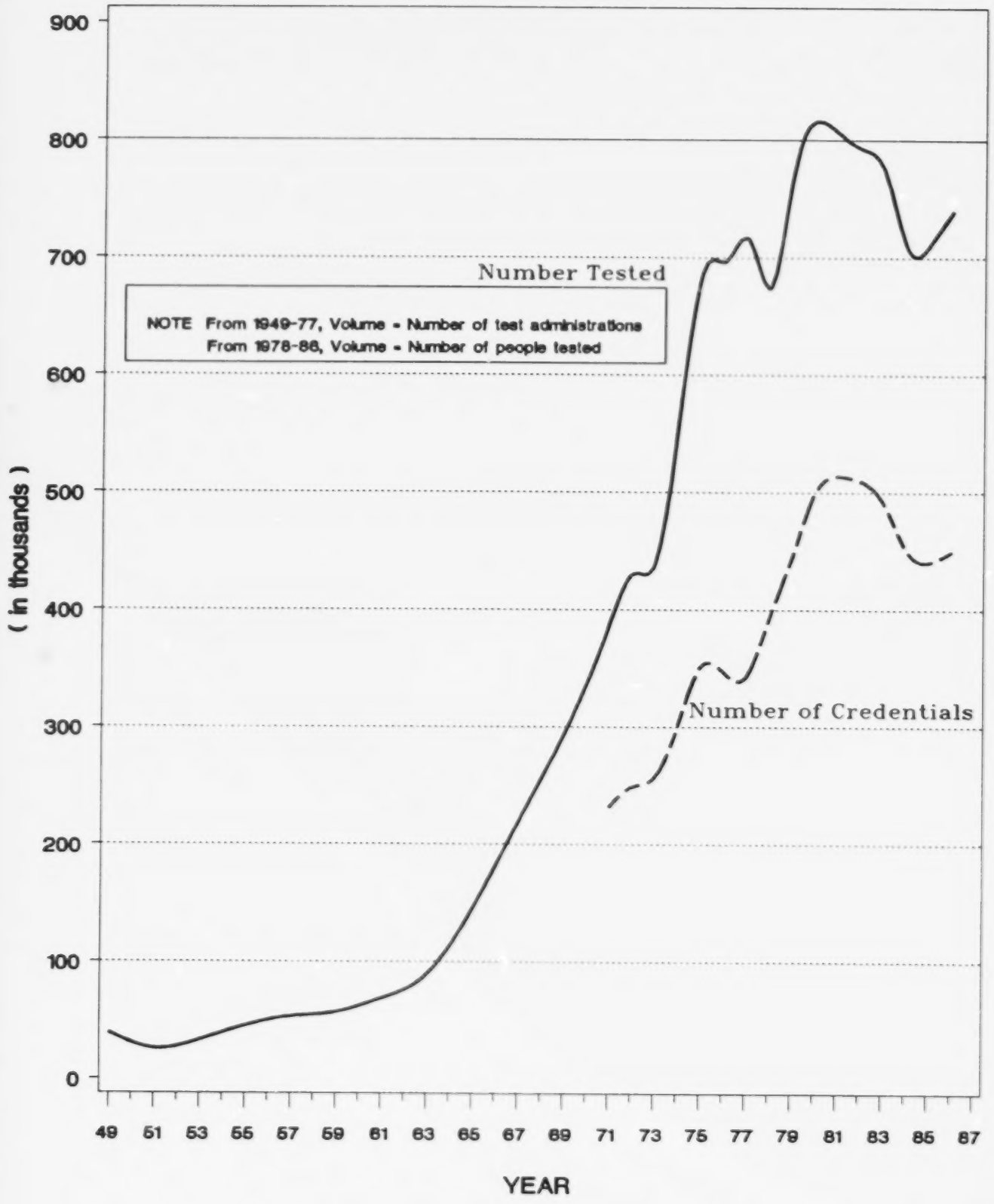
Jurisdiction	Minimum Scores[1]
Alberta	45 each test
British Columbia	45 each test
Manitoba	45 each test
New Brunswick(English)	45 each test
New Brunswick(French)	35 and 45
Newfoundland	40 and 45
Northwest Territories	40 and 45
Nova Scotia	45 each test
Prince Edward Island	40 and 45
Saskatchewan	45 each test
Yukon Territory	45 each test

Percentage of U.S. High School Seniors Meeting These Requirements

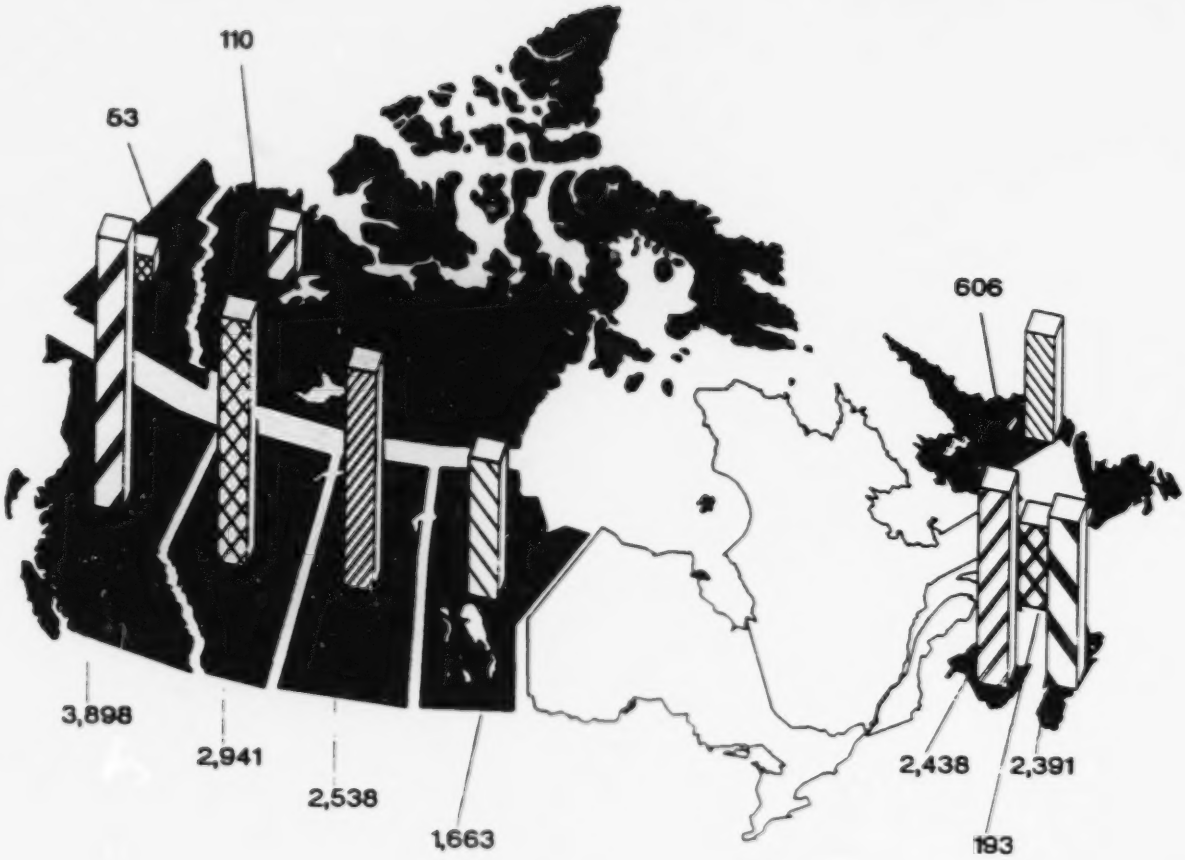
Minimum 40 or	Mean 45	73%
Minimum 40 or	Mean 50	70%
Mean 45		70%
Minimum 35 and	Mean 45	69%
Minimum 40		69%
Minimum 40 and	Mean 45	67%

[1] Minimum scores of 35 and 45 mean that each test score must be at least 35 and an average of 45 on the battery is required. Minimum scores of 35 or 45 means either that each test score must be at least 35 or an average of 45 is is required.

Figure 1. Volume of GED Testing
1949 - 1986



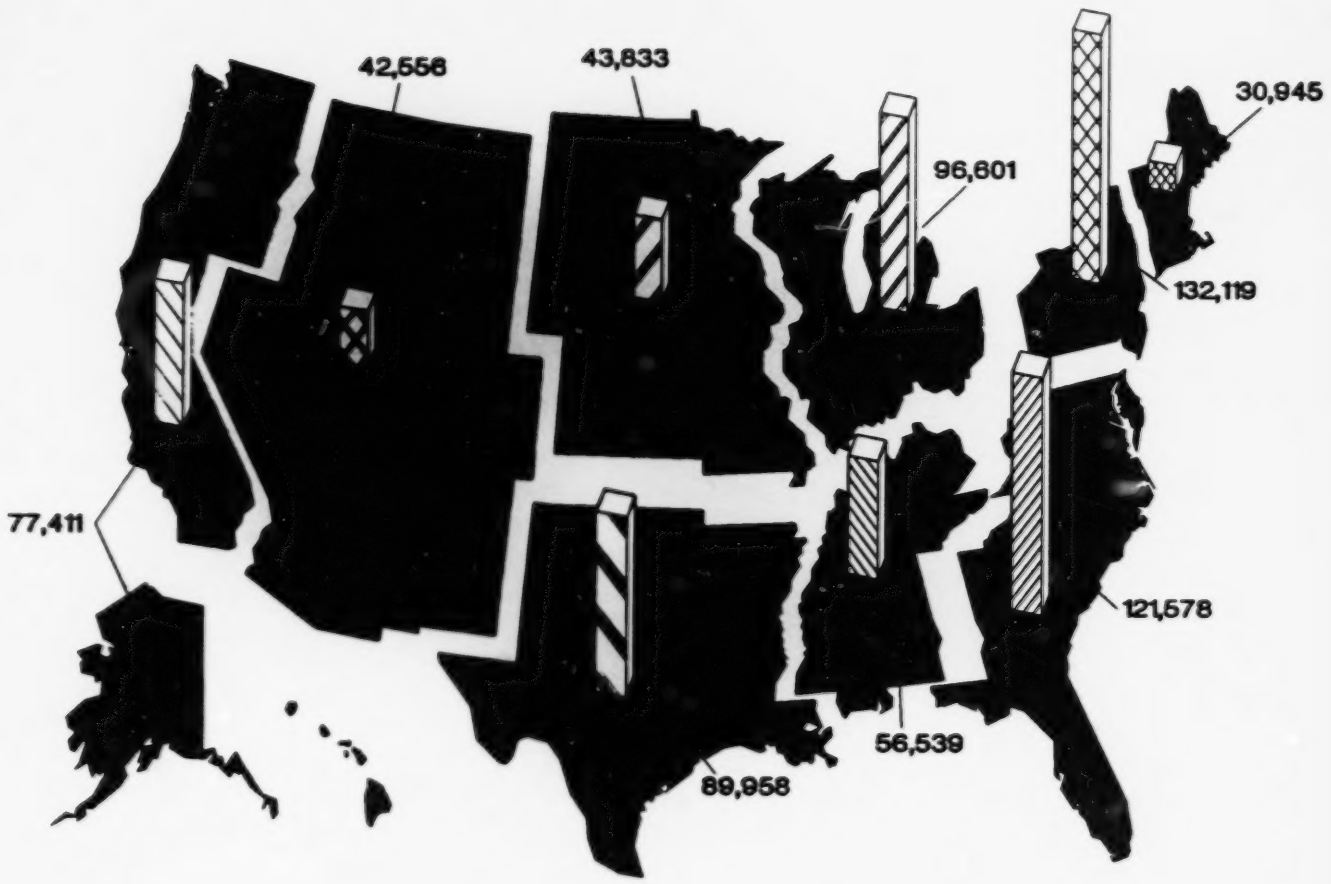
Canadian GED Testing Provinces
Number of People Taking the Tests in 1986



Provinces		
	Yukon Territory	Northwest Terr.
	Prince Edward Is	Newfoundland
	Manitoba	Nova Scotia
	New Brunswick	Saskatchewan
	Alberta	British Columbia

Figure 2.

United States GED Testing Regions
Number of People Taking the Tests in 1986



Regions

- New England
- Northern Plains
- Pacific Coast
- Great Lakes
- Mid-Atlantic
- Rocky Mountains
- Gulf States
- Southern Plains
- South-Atlantic

Figure 3.

SELECTED GED TESTING SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

Research Studies

"The Canadianization of the GED": The history and development of the General Educational Development Testing Program in Canada (GEDTS Occasional Paper, No. 1, 1987). A description of the evolution of the GED program in Canada, with discussion of the ways in which the GED Tests have been "Canadianized" in content, delivery, and regulatory policies. (16 pages, $5.00)

Adding an Essay to the GED Writing Skills Test: Reliability and Validity Issues (GEDTS Research Studies, No. 7, 1985). Reports on a series of studies based on holistic scoring of essays written by over 2,000 GED examinees from Washington, DC, Iowa, and Maryland, and by a national sample of almost 4,000 high school seniors. (16 pages; $3.50)

The Relationship Between Scores on the GED Writing Skills Test and on Direct Measures of Writing (GEDTS Research Studies, No. 6, 1985). Reports on the relationship between scores on the multiple choice GED Writing Skills test and scores on 2,300 holistically graded essays written by a nationally representative sample of high school seniors. (12 pages; $3.50)

After the GED Tests: Postsecondary education enrollment patterns and perceptions of GED examinees (GEDTS Research Studies, No. 5, 1983). Reports on the educational activities of a national sample of examinees during the twenty-four months after taking the tests. Survey results include examinee attitudes toward postsecondary education. (14 pages; $3.50)

After the GED Tests: Employment and training activities of GED examinees (GEDTS Research Studies, No. 4, 1982). Reports on the activities of a national sample of GED examinees during the eighteen months after taking the GED tests. Survey results are provided for comparing expectations prior to testing with the actual experiences. (11 pages; $3.50)

Examinee and High School Senior Performance on the GED Tests: A detailed analysis (GEDTS Research Studies, No. 3, 1982). Contains national percentiles for GED examinees and an analysis of achievement by high school graduating seniors, GED examinees, and GED graduates on each of 22 content areas in the GED battery. (16 pages; $3.50)

Who Takes the GED Tests: A national survey of Spring 1980 examinees (GEDTS Research Studies, No. 1, 1981). The results of a detailed survey of the backgrounds and preparation activities of nearly 13,000 examinees. (40 pages; $2.50)

GEDTS Publications Available from Other Sources

Official GED Practice Tests and Teachers' Manual (1987). Half-length tests, comparable in content, difficulty and format to the GED Tests — with score conversion tables to ensure predictive accuracy. Manuals and answer sheets. Materials are available in English (U.S. and Canadian editions), Spanish, audiocassette, and large print versions. Available from Cambridge, The Adult Education Company, 888 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10106

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